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DIARY NOTES

ADD/A [REDACTED]

4 May 1953

1. [REDACTED] inquired as to the status of the "shopping list" and I told him that it was still under consideration by the Director.

2. Attended the Assistant Directors' Meeting which was devoted to a discussion of our Budget Hearings before the House Appropriations Committee.

3. [REDACTED] was over to brief me on a situation concerning [REDACTED] (now a member of ORR) who, after undergoing certain training courses, was to be transferred to the General Counsel's Office. In view of the fact that [REDACTED] had misinterpreted John's view to the Office of Training and vice versa, John felt that he did not want to take [REDACTED]. I told him that it was all right with me but that he should have a frank talk with [REDACTED] and explain exactly why the deal was off.

4. Due to Larry Houston's absence and [REDACTED] trip to Europe, John [REDACTED] has not yet given [REDACTED] a full time lawyer. However, he reports that he will have [REDACTED] the job within the next few days. John still does not believe that there will be a full time job for a lawyer in TSS and is already speculating on the possibility of being able to combine that job with the legal advice provided to the Logistics Office.

6. [REDACTED] is preparing a letter to the Civil Service Commission concerning the [REDACTED] which will recommend that we do not appeal.

7. I am informed by [REDACTED] is scheduled to return from Europe tomorrow.

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25X1A 9. Shef Edwards telephoned me about his "Official Cover" paper. I assured him that I would read it thoroughly today.

25X1A 10. At [redacted] request I instructed [redacted] General Services Office, to make the necessary arrangements to install a confidential telephone in General Cabell's home. I emphasized that he should insure that there were no legal obstacles to this installation.

25X1A 11. Matt Baird spoke to me about his military status and I have talked to [redacted] about the matter at some length. It appears that at one time Colonel Baird was on active duty on an indefinite basis. However, he changed this category to an involuntary one which, according to [redacted] made it mandatory (in conformance with Air Force rules) that he revert to an inactive status on 31 March 1953. Due to Colonel Baird's uncertainty as to what his, as well as the Agency's, desires were, a very informal arrangement was made to extend this date for about one month. [redacted] as the head of an Air Force administrative unit, is actually responsible to see that these regulations are carried out. He is not worried about carrying on the present arrangement for a couple of weeks but is anxious to have it straightened out as soon as possible. I told him that I would do what I could to expedite the matter.

25X1A 12. Dr. Tietjen reports that [redacted], Office of Operations, is now back in the hospital.

25X1A 13. Mr. Pforzheimer brought over a letter which he had prepared to Senator Bridges concerning our space [redacted]. He indicated that on the grounds of security we did not wish to answer the detailed questions. I did not agree with this since there is no reason why we shouldn't give Senator Bridges answers to his questions insofar as space occupied by the Office of Operations and the Personnel Procurement Office is concerned. However, we should not give him the details on 2800 feet of space which is under good cover. I gave the proposed letter to [redacted] and told him to prepare the necessary information and give it to Mr. Pforzheimer.

25X1A 14. [redacted] was in to say that he had made all arrangements to leave for Europe on Thursday night.

15. Ed Saunders and I talked to General Cabell about the presentation of information to the Bureau of the Budget and agreed on certain revisions to be made in the book. Ed is getting this ready so that we can transmit it tomorrow.

16. Mr. Saunders and I discussed with Mr. Wolf certain information concerning supergrades to be submitted to the Bureau of the Budget and to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. It was agreed that we would use the grade structure recommended by the Supergrade Review Board as to positions now authorized and those

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proposed. In the case of the 16/18 positions on the Board of National Estimates, it was agreed that these should all be shown at grade GS-18. With respect to positions for Senior Representatives, it was also agreed that these should be shown as grade GS-18's in view of the fact that the Board has recommended that they all be set up on the same sliding scale basis.

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